

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
ACCORDING TO 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

APPLICANT(S):	Kasztelan, et al.	DOCKET NO:	P03,0285
SERIAL NO.:	10/634,975	ART UNIT:	2643
FILED:	August 5, 2003	EXAMINER:	
		CONF. NO.	6948
TITLE:	SPACE-SAVING ANTENNA ARRANGEMENT FOR HEARING AID DEVICE		

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) and before the latter occurrence of:

- (1) three months from the filing date of a national application;
- (2) three months from the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application; or
- (3) the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of references AL, AM, AO-AQ was discussed in the Specification. All of these references except AP were also cited during the prosecution of the priority application. Reference AA is an English language U.S. Patent corresponding to German patent document reference AP. Reference AN is an English language European patent document corresponding to German patent document reference AO. Abstracts have been provided for German patent documents AL, AM, and AQ. Full translations of these documents will be produced at the request of the Examiner.

The filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

The above citation of related art is not a representation that such art constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of all pertinent related art, nor that it necessarily includes the closest or most relevant art. The aforementioned citation comprises a voluntary citation of related art of which applicant and his attorney are presently aware and is not intended to serve as a substitute for the Examiner's own search.

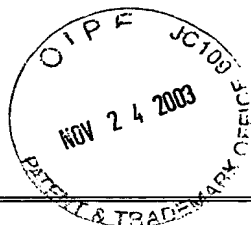
Submitted by,

Mark Bergner (Reg. No. 45,877)
Mark Bergner
SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE
PATENT DEPARTMENT
6600 Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6473
(312) 258-5779
Attorney for Applicant(s)
CUSTOMER NUMBER 26574

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on November 20, 2003.

Mark Bergner



Form PTO-1449 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION (use several sheets if necessary)					Docket No. P03,0285		Serial No. 10/634,975	
					Applicant Kasztelan et al			
					Filing Date August 5, 2003		Group Art Unit 2643	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner's Initials		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If appropriate	
	AA	6,466,679	10/15/2002	Husung				
	AB							
	AC							
	AD							
	AE							
	AF							
	AG							
	AH							
	AI							
	AJ							
	AK							
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
							Yes	No
	AL	43 19 599	08/25/1994	Germany			Abstract	
	AM	43 26 358	11/24/1994	Germany			Abstract	
	AN	0 686 985	09/10/1997	Europe				
	AO	690 31 432	03/19/1998	Germany			See AN	
	AP	198 54 201	05/23/2001	Germany			See AA	
	AQ	199 15 558	10/04/2001	Germany			Abstract	
	AR							
	AS							
OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
	AT							
	AU							
	AV							
	AW							
Examiner				Date Considered				
*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.								